\*\*This meeting was conducted virtually via electronic means using video conferencing that allowed all participants to hear one another at the same time in accordance with the Governor's First Supplemental COVID-19 State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 18, 2020. This document provides the summary notice required by the Emergency Proclamation, but does not constitute the official minutes of the meeting which will be provided at a later date.\*\*

## Meeting Summary – ADSS Advisory Board Meeting February 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM (via Webex videoconference)

The Alabama Department of Senior Services held an Advisory Board Meeting Monday, February 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM. The meeting was properly noticed on the Alabama Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Edwards. General Counsel Todd Hughes called the roll of board members and determined that those present constituted a quorum to conduct business.

ADSS Commissioner Jean Brown gave an agency update regarding operations during COVID. She also provided an update on the Senior Nutrition Program's efforts to get seniors off the waiting list for meals, ADSS's participation in the Alabama Oral Health Coalition, ADSS's proposed legislation for the upcoming legislative session, and ADSS's fiscal year 2022 budget request.

A legislative update was provided by the members of the Alabama Legislature in attendance.

ADSS CFO Todd Cotton gave an update on the status of the budget and the expenditure of federal stimulus funds.

ADSS Nutrition Director Bobbie Morris updated the members on the Elderly Nutrition Program.

ADSS Programs Director Nick Nyberg gave an update on his programs and the approval of the State Plan.

ADSS General Counsel Todd Hughes provided an update on the software RFP implementation process.

ADSS Director of Medicaid Waiver Programs Jean Stone provided an update on the status of Medicaid Waiver programs.

State of Alabama Long Term Care Ombudsman Virginia Bell provided an overview of the Ombudsman program and the challenges faced by the program during COVID.

An opportunity was given for public comments, but none were heard.

Chairman Ray Edwards called for motion to adjourn and meeting was adjourned.